

FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number
32/25

USGS Quad
Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1139



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) ~~East Lexington~~

Address 346 Waltham Street

Historic Name William H. and Hope Smith House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1924

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Four Square

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete block

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 21,456 SF

Setting mixed 20th century residential neighborhood
along busy road

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

BUILDING FORM (346 Waltham Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

A good example of the Four Square form, 346 Waltham Street is a two-story, 2 x 2-bay building, roughly square in plan which is capped by an asphalt shingled hip roof. The house is set above a rusticated concrete block foundation and is sheathed in wood shingles with a flared course between the first and second stories. Nearly spanning the facade is a single-story, hip-roofed porch supported by three Roman Doric columns. The offcenter wooden door displays two rows of 4 x 2-upper lights. On one side of the door is an individual 6/1 window while there is a set of three 6/1 windows on the other. The second floor of the facade is lit by two 6/1 windows with shutters. Centered on the front roof slope is a hip dormer with two small 3 x 2-light windows. Elsewhere on the house, the predominant window is a 6/1 sash. A single-story rectangular bay window is located on the north elevation.

Extending along the north side, a paved driveway descends downhill to a single-story shingled garage, capped by a hip roof, with a single overhead replacement door facing the street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

→ See 410 Marrett Rd., MHC # 642.

This building is located on part of the "Farmhurst" subdivision, laid out in 1918 and owned at that time by Neil McIntosh (Section 2, lots 10 & 11). It appears that this house was constructed in 1924 for William H. and Hope Smith. The 1924 Valuation List indicates that William Smith was then living at 258 Lexington Street in East Boston and was assessed for Farm. Section 1, Lots 10 & 11 (then including 44,620 square feet and a garage valued at \$350. In 1925 Smith was first assessed for a house valued at \$5,000 in addition to the above-mentioned lot and garage. Directories state that Smith was employed as a guard for the railway. The Smiths continued to own the house into the 1940s. Later owners included Albert and Anna Gardner c.1950. John and Marie Brogan purchased the property prior to 1960.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*